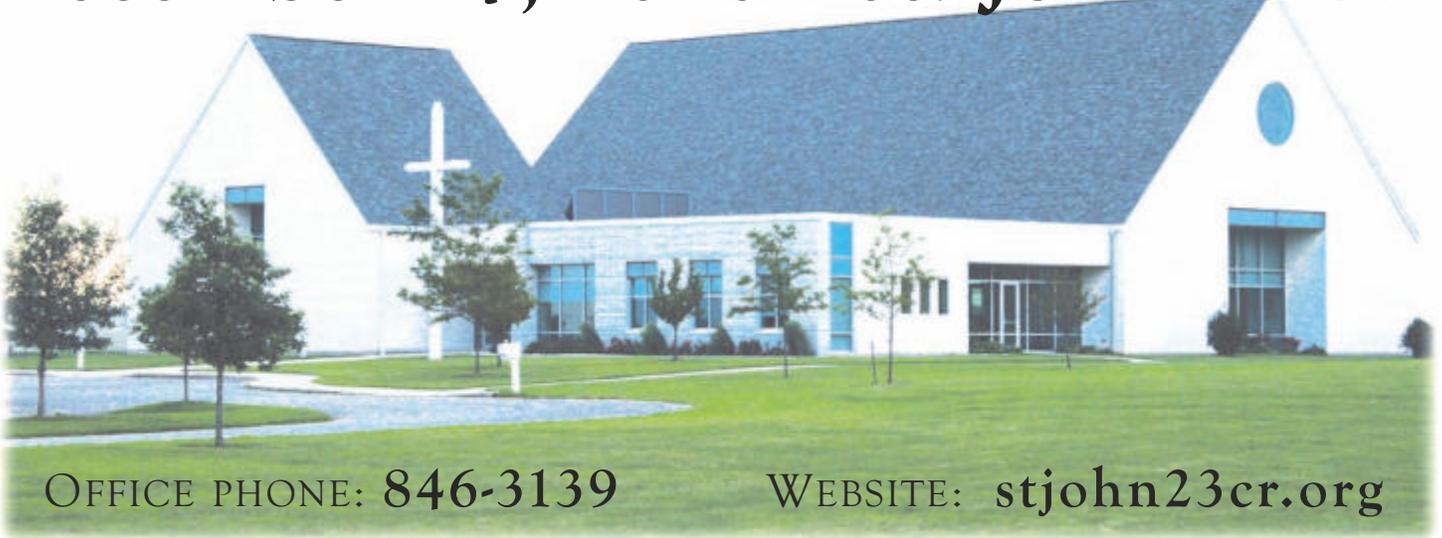


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MISSION STATEMENT

**We, the parishioners of St. John XXIII,
commit to be disciples of Jesus
through prayer, Worship, study and service.**



THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME
STRONG, FILLED
WITH WISDOM; AND
THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.
—LK 2:40

THE HOLY FAMILY

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NEW PARISH REGISTRATIONS

Registration form can be found on the front page of parish website or contact parish office.

BAPTISM

Must attend Baptism Classes **prior** to scheduling Baptism. Call parish office to register for class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 pm, by appointment or before or after weekday Masses.

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor eight (8) months before your wedding

From the Desk of Father Richmond

My Beloved Parishioners:

MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY!!!

Today we give thanks to God for the gift of the Holy Family (the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus). We celebrate this feast today not only to give thanks to God and admire Joseph, Mary, and Jesus; but rather to imitate them. Today's feast is an opportunity for us to reflect on our lives as a family. The question we need to ask is:

"How has life been for us, as a family, in 2020, and how can we become a better family in 2021?"

Special Gratitude:

- **All Who Helped With Christmas Masses:** I am very grateful to the Liturgy Committee, Music Ministry, Cantors, Lectors, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, and all who helped us plan, decorate the Church, and celebrate our Christmas Masses. You did a wonderful job to help us celebrate the Joy and Peace of our Savior even in a challenging year like this. May God continue to bless you and your families!

For Your Prayerful Attention and Involvement

- **Adult Faith Formation:** We will be starting a New Faith Formation Program for Adults in our Parish starting in February. We have bought a new program and set up a Committee to Study it and lead the parish to study and grow in our Catholic Faith. Please stay tuned for more information on this in the coming weeks.
- **New Team for Evangelization:** We are also starting a new Evangelization Team to help us share faith within and beyond our parish community to deepen our friendship with Christ and invite others outside our parish into friendship with Christ. We will be hearing from the Evangelization Team in the coming weeks.
- **Read the Book:** Please find some time to read the book "The Mass" by Fr. Tobin (it is the book we gave you as a Christmas gift from our parish) and invite your family and friends to share your reflections on how we might improve our participation at Mass.

- **Young Adult Study Group:** Special Thanks to all our young adults who attended our study sessions this past Advent. We invite All our Young Adults to join us on ***Mondays @ 6:30 pm*** for fun and engaging reflection about life. Invite your friends to form your own study group either in person or online on any day and time that works for you, and invite us to participate.
- **High School Youth Group:** Many thanks to all who attended our High School Youth Group and the Youth Council Members, who helped to plan and facilitate our meetings. We will continue our evenings of fun games, prayer, and faith sharing. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.
- **Novena For The Restoration of Family Joy & Peace:** We shall continue our Parish Novena throughout 2021. We will focus on different intentions for each month. For the Month of January, we will be praying for marriages that are going through challenges that God will restore peace and joy in families.

As we continue our Christmas Season, let us hold on to our hope and joy in Christ! As I shared with you last week, the birth of Christ is about restoration! The power of our God does not only lie in the fact that he created all things, but most importantly, that he restores all things! He has called us to bless us. He will see us through 2021. He works in ways we cannot see. So smile, be happy & share the joy of Christmas! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

In prayer with you,
Fr. Richmond

Your Shared Treasure

For: December 12/13, 2020

Adult Budget (100).....	\$7,578.23
Adult Budget EFT (65).....	1,925.00
Offertory.....	47.00
Visitor.....	140.00
Total	\$9,690.23

Extending the Dream.....	\$1,675.00
Extending the Dream EFT (51).....	890.39

Thank You For Your Support!

First Reading**SIR 3:2-6, 12-14**

A reading from the Book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5****R. (cf. 1) Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

2nd Reading**COL 3:12-21**

A reading from the Book of Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual

songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.****Gospel****LK 2:22-40**The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit it was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Mass Intentions

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 26

4:00 pm Members of the Prewett family

Sunday, December 27

8:00 am All Parishioners

10:00 am Susan Volz & Lincoln Schulte

Monday, December 28 - *The Holy Innocents*

12:15 pm Dave Matt

Tuesday, December 29 - *5th Day Octave of Nativity*

12:15 pm Donna Zabokrtsky

Wednesday, December 30 - *6th Day Octave Nativity*

12:15 pm Margaret J. Easton

Thursday, December 31 - *7th Day Octave of Nativity*

4:00 pm Richard Schulte

Friday, January 1 - *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

9:00 am Bill Brunsman

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2

4:00 pm Jim & Greg Rump

Sunday, January 3

8:00 am Irwin & Joannel McDermott

10:00 am All Parishioners

Meetings & Happenings:

Monday, December 28

Baptism, 5:30 pm

Young adult study, 6:30 pm



Tuesday, December 29

Adoration, 1:00-7:00 pm

Men of Action, 6:00 pm

Rosary and Benediction, 7:00 pm

2020 Contributions

Contributions need to be received at the parish office by the end of business on December 31, 2020, to be included in your 2020 giving record. The IRS does allow gifts sent via USPS to count as a 2020 gift provided it's postmarked no later than December 31, 2020. Post-dated checks can not be accepted for this year's donations. For tax purposes the date we receive the donation, is when it was made regardless of check date.

Christmas Electronic Giving Opportunity

To provide another way to give and make it easier for parishioners who wish to offer a Christmas gift to our parish, the Archdiocese of Dubuque has set up a special page on its website to give your Christmas gift via credit or debit card. Your gift will be given directly to our parish without any administrative or credit card fees. So, 100% of your gift comes to us, designated as your Christmas gift to the parish. Go to www.dbqarch.org/parishChristmas to make a one-time gift. The site will remain open through Epiphany, January 3, 2021.

Consecration To the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of Our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
You provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

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